

2015 - 2016

PARENT HANDBOOK



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To: All Club Parents
From: Southern California Volleyball Association
RE: Parent Information

Welcome to the 2015-2016 Junior Club Volleyball season. In our constant search to help the parents better understand what club is all about, what their athlete is doing, and what to expect, the SCVA has put together this information booklet to better inform you, the parent. **All information and schedules are subject to change. Please contact your Club Director with any questions.**

A) FACILITY REGULATIONS

Parents, we ask for your help in regulating the **“NO FOOD IN THE GYM”** rule. Please remember that neither your club nor the SCVA owns these facilities and that if we wish to have facilities for our athletes to play in, then we must take care of them. This season all facilities will follow the same rules. Please note that these are facilities rules. A facility encompasses the entire building: hallways, foyers, gym proper and any rooms. The Tournament Director, in case of bad weather, will make exceptions. Parents, please follow the following rules:

NO: Food outside or drink allowed in any facility.

NO: Animals at any facility (including all parking lots) with the exception of registered service animals.

NO: Skateboards, roller blades, or any type of bicycle.

NO: Coolers inside any facility.

NO: Barbeques on any campus.

**** Plastic squeeze bottles with push/pull tops and water only!!**

Outside areas must be kept clean throughout the tournament.

** If any team, player, parent or supporter introduces and/or consumes alcoholic beverages in or about the facility, the penalty will be immediate disqualification.

Thank you in advance for your good example and cooperation in regards to these rules.

B) REGISTRATION

In order to participate in an SCVA event, all individuals **MUST** be registered with the SCVA. This pertains to all on-court activities: shagging, calling lines, keeping score, etc. Your Club Director will have all of the information and registration forms for the SCVA. They are responsible for handing them out, making sure they are **filled out correctly** and returned to the SCVA office on time. Only registered athletes will be permitted to play.

As a parent, please take an extra minute to read what you are signing and make sure the form is filled out correctly. This will speed things up and get your athlete on the court faster. No registration materials will be accepted at any tournament site.

Once registered with the SCVA, members are covered by the USA Volleyball's sport accident policy. Please note that the insurance provided by the SCVA will not cover the club and/or its administrators during practice, tournaments, or tryouts unless the SCVA has the signed registration form on file. Please direct any questions to your Club Director. In case of an injury, either at practice or at a tournament, an incident report must be completed either by the tournament director or by the Club Director. This incident report must be submitted to the SCVA office.

C) BACKGROUND SCREENING

If you plan on attending any USA Volleyball event, which includes all Qualifiers, Junior National Championships, and end of the season events you will need to submit both a Background Screening Consent and Waiver Form, which is good for a two year period, and an Adult Registration Form, which must be submitted every year. These forms can be found on the SCVA website. Please check with your club about submitting these forms in a timely manner as the background clearance will take at least 14 days for processing.

D) AGE DIVISIONS

The following age groups shall be in effect for players other than college students, who regardless of age are not eligible to compete.

- a) 18 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 1997 or players born on or after September 1, 1996 and are high school students during some part of the current academic year.
- b) 17 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 1998.
- c) 16 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 1999.
- d) 15 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2000.
- e) 14 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2001.
****Junior Boys Program only**—who are 15 years of age or younger (born on or after September 1st, 2000) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year.
- f) 13 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2002.
- g) 12 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2003.

****** Please note that a junior athlete or team may **NOT** play in two age divisions during the same season.

E) DIVISION FORMAT

Tournaments are designed to give maximum competition to each athlete in our program and to allow them to achieve a healthy and satisfactory attitude towards themselves, their teammates and the sport of volleyball. For the girls, there is a series of Qualifying tournaments, which determine the starting division for each team. Following these Qualifying tournaments, there will be a series of Mandatory Tournaments. There will be movement of teams between divisions depending upon the finishing positions of each Mandatory tournament. Points will be awarded to each team based on the order of finish in their respective divisions. No points will be given for friendship, optional or special event tournaments.

Please find enclosed a schedule of all Southern California tournaments. At this point these dates are tentative only. Contact your Club Director for an updated schedule, or visit our website—www.scvavolleyball.org.

F) POLICIES FOR TRYOUTS, COMMITMENT DATES and TRANSFERS

A commitment date is defined as the first date that a club can obtain a deposit as a means for accepting a spot for their club team and have the deposit be non-refundable.

1. BOYS

For the 2015/2016 season, all junior boys clubs are eligible to host tryouts for the various age divisions on September 11, 2015 for all boys' age divisions.

For the 2015/2016 season, all boys' clubs will have a commitment date no earlier than September 14, 2015 for all boys age divisions.

Please note, that for a club to be eligible to participate in regional events, or to receive an invitation to the Junior Boys Invitational and/or the Junior Boys Classic, the club must abide by the tryout and commitment dates set forth by the SCVA. However, abiding by the tryout and commitment dates does not guarantee entry into these events.

Transfers for junior boys will be accepted until May 27th, 2016. No transfer between clubs will be allowed after May 27, 2016. In order to transfer between clubs, one must complete an application for a change of clubs, and then wait for the SCVA to approve the transfer, however no transfers will be granted after May 27th even if all parties agree.

If a player does not follow the tryout procedures, commitment date, and/or the transfer procedures, she may be suspended for the 2015/2016 season.

2. **GIRLS**

For the 2014/2015 season, all junior girls clubs are eligible to host tryouts for the various age divisions on the following dates:

Girls 14 and Under through 12 and Under Divisions - October 2, 2015

Girls 18 and Under through 15 and Under Divisions - August 19, 2015

SCVA Tryout Procedures, should be posted at all club tryouts.

SCVA Tryout Procedures for San Diego Areas should also be posted at all tryouts.

For the 2015/2016 season, no junior player/parent/guardian may commit to a club prior to the following commitment dates: Monday, August 24th for 18 and under through 15 and under division, and Monday, October 5th for 14 and under through 12 and under divisions. No deposits may be given during the tryout period. Once the letter of commitment assigned and turned into one club, the player is then committed to that club.

Please note, the SCVA recognizes that Bakersfield, Las Vegas, and San Diego area high school players are bound to different CIF rules. The SCVA asks that all Bakersfield, Las Vegas, and San Diego clubs and players abide by those rules, so as to not jeopardize the eligibility of girls during their high school season. Thus the following tryout dates and commitment dates will be used for those clubs in the Bakersfield, Las Vegas, and San Diego areas:

Girls 14 and Under Divisions- tryout date of October 17, 2015 with a commitment date of October 26, 2015.

Girls 15 and Under Division- tryout date of November 7, 2015 with a commitment date of November 16, 2015.

Girls 18 and 16 and Under Divisions- tryout date of November 14, 2015 with a commitment date of November 23, 2015.

A Letter of Commitment must be signed by all participants.

A Letter of Commitment for San Diego area players.

After tryouts have been completed, and letter of commitments signed and submitted to clubs, all teams in the 15s and older divisions may not begin practices until December 1, 2014.

The Transfer Period will be from February 1 through February 26, 2016. No transfer between clubs will be allowed prior to or after the transfer period. In order to transfer between clubs during the transfer period, one must complete an application for a change of clubs, and then wait for the SCVA to approve the transfer.

If a player does not follow the tryout procedures, commitment date, and/or the transfer procedures, she may be suspended for the 2015/2016 season.

G) CLUB TO CLUB RECRUITING POLICY

Although the SCVA is aware of certain illicit recruiting actions, we are unable to enforce such a policy for two reasons. First, we do not have the support of the CIF in governing clubs holding tryouts during the CIF season. Second, most recruiting violations come to us in a “he said, she said” manner and are very difficult to ascertain fault. Therefore, we ask the cooperation of all coaches and directors in this matter. The following are guidelines that we ask all clubs to abide by:

1. Hold all tryouts at the conclusion of the CIF season
2. Allow no coach or club representative to make initial contact with an athlete or his/her parent in order to persuade that player to leave his/her current club/team.
3. Refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs and/or their coaches.

We ask that these guidelines be followed in order to foster a positive experience for the players in pursuit of their volleyball goals.

H) COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES

Due to the increased numbers of scholarships available, college coaches come to view prospective athletes and watch SCVA tournaments. What is the biggest recruiting time for college coaches? Any tournament! Though the Las Vegas Classic, Junior National Qualifiers, Junior Nationals, and Festival Tournaments draw the largest crowd of college coaches, they frequently attend the regional SCVA tournaments. But remember, there is a lot of “red tape” that goes with college recruiting and there are many restrictions. A central clearinghouse will certify your athlete’s eligibility for Divisions I and II. If your athlete intends to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman, they must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. They can obtain registration materials from their high-school guidance counselor (if the school has run out of materials, their counselor should call the clearinghouse at 310/337-1492). Remember, qualifying test scores are required for participation at both Division I and II colleges. Please contact your Club Director or call the NCAA 913/339-1906 with any questions regarding college recruiting and restrictions.

I) FROZEN ROSTERS

Once a team earns and accepts a bid in a Qualifier or at a Bid Event or applies for a bid in an at-large process, then the roster of that team is frozen. All players listed on the roster of a qualified team for the Junior National Championships may not transfer to any other club and/or team. Players on a frozen roster may not transfer to another qualified team even within the same club.

J) THE GAME

1: Scoring:

All play will be the best 2 out of 3 games, with 25 points rally scoring in games 1 and 2. The winning team must achieve a 2-point advantage; no cap will be used. If necessary, the deciding game will be rally score to 15 points win by two, no cap.

2: Tie Breaking Procedure & Pool Play Schedule:

In the case of a tie, pool position will be determined by the following formula:

2 way tie: broken head to head

3 way tie: 1) match record 2) game record 3) point ratio

***Note:** A 3-way tie will never revert back to a 2-way tie. Percentages will be used as described above for breaking the 3-way tie.

Listed below is the schedule for both four and five team pools (there are certain circumstances which may change the listed order of matches).

4 TEAM POOL

Playing / Officiating

1 vs. 3 2

2 vs. 4 1

1 vs. 4 3

2 vs. 3 1

3 vs. 4 2

1 vs. 2 4

5 TEAM POOL

Playing / Officiating

1 vs. 5 3

2 vs. 4 5

1 vs. 3 4

2 vs. 5 1

3 vs. 4 2

1 vs. 2 3

3 vs. 5 4

1 vs. 4 5

2 vs. 3 1

4 vs. 5 2

3: Officials: The SCVA attempts to provide officials for all scheduled tournaments. We ask that you refrain from any verbal abuse directed at these individuals who are doing their best to officiate the match.

K) SUPERVISION

A registered USAV/SCVA coach is **required** to supervise **all** team members during any SCVA competition. This person, or another registered adult, is required to remain on site until all team members have left the campus. The SCVA is not responsible for “baby sitting.” This pertains to **all** age levels. If the designated supervisor is someone other than the coach, the Tournament Director must be notified.

L) DIRECTIONS

All Site Locations with addresses are also posted on the SCVA website http://www.scvavolleyball.org/site_directions.htm. Please contact your Club Director if a site is not listed here.

The reason your athlete is out on the court is to have fun and to learn the sport of volleyball. We ask that you help the SCVA in applying all that you have read in this booklet. We wish all athletes Good Luck as we begin this season!

- SCVA